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The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary McHugh:

I am deeply troubled in light of recent reports that the U.S. Army may have been involved in exposing thousands of unsuspecting Missourians to a chemical called zinc cadmium sulfide during the Cold War. I'm particularly concerned by allegations that these tests of zinc cadmium sulfide throughout the 1950s and 1960s might have contained a radioactive component that went undisclosed in initial reports. The idea that thousands of Missourians were unwillingly exposed to harmful materials in order to determine their health effects is absolutely shocking. It should come as no surprise that these individuals and their families are demanding answers of government officials.

Although it has been decades since the alleged tests occurred, I am requesting your assistance in uncovering answers to the following questions:

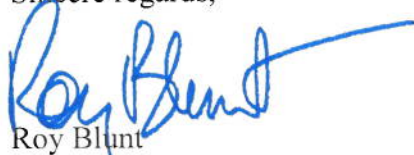
What specific areas in Missouri were exposed to the zinc cadmium sulfide spraying?

What are the health effects associated with exposure to zinc cadmium sulfide?

Was there a radioactive component to the testing conducted in Missouri? If so, what are the health effects of exposure to the radioactive material?

I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator